

Rajagopal, MLA has surrendered before the J. M. F. C. Court, Srirangapatna for the alleged commission of offences under section 302-34 of I. P. C. read with 201-120B I. P. C. and 202-204-218 of I. P. C. and that he was released on bail on 16th January 1979.

Leave of absence to Smt Sumati B. Madiman and Sri D. Narayan Das

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Smt. Sumathi B. Madiman, Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly requesting for leave of absence from the current session of the Assembly due to ill health.

Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave of absence to the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker till the end of the current sittings of the Assembly ?

HON MEMBERS.—Yes

Permission to remain absent was granted.

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri D. Narayan Das, MLA who has requested for grant of leave of absence for the current session of the Assembly due to private affairs.

Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave of absence to the hon. Member Sri D. Narayan Das till the end of the current sittings of Legislative Assembly ?

HON. MEMBERS.—Yes.

Permission to remain absent was granted

Matter under rule 312

re : Termination of 91 doctors belonging to SC/ST

†SRI C.M. ARMUGHAM (KGF).—Sir, the Medical Department which is supposed to be the biggest department next to Education and the Agriculture Departments, has got 3500 doctors out of which there are only 320 doctors belonging to the SCs appointed over the last 30 years. In the several departments when we asked the question why they are not able to follow the reservation rules, the reply was that suitable candidate were not forthcoming, hence they are unable to maintain the reservation. This is the fate not only in Karnataka but all over the county.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs)—Hon. member referred to the Agriculture Department. I may inform him that in Agriculture Department the SCs/STs people are not denied of the promotional opportunities nor the appointment opportunities. I am going through the same thing.

SRI C. M. ARMUGAM. — When we had visited the University of Agricultural Sciences recently and we found there that they had not maintained the reservation even among the drivers.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH. — University is an autonomous body. I referred to the department as such. As far as university is concerned, the government is at it. We are trying to provide adequate representations to these people.

SRI C. M. ARMUGAM. — I shall disclose all the facts and figures in this House at an appropriate time. The position remains unchanged in the Public Sector Industries and in all the Universities. Government after considering inadequate representation amongst doctors, they appointed some doctors as local candidates belonging to the SCs in three batches. The first batch of 91 doctors are permitted to continue for 9 months. The second batch of doctors—22 doctors was appointed on 14-8-1978 and the third batch of 31 candidates was appointed on 22-8-1978. The Universities are producing large number of doctors. The Government has appointed as local candidates. These 91 doctors who are working as local candidates, hoping that they will continue in service got married and have incurred loans to maintain themselves. Government has issued a notice to terminate their services of doctors who belong to first batch and there is a proposal, it is learnt, to terminate the services of doctors of the second and the third batch. In all they propose to terminate the services of about 135 doctors belonging to the SCs who are working as local candidates. This is the first time in the history of Karnataka they had made bulk appointments of SCs doctors to the entire State as a whole. At the time of making local appointments, the recruiting officers have appointed their own caste men. I shall bring this aspect of the matter during the course of discussion on the Governor's Address and point out how communalism has played its part. The recruiting officers have gone on recruiting their own men disregarding the reservation quota, if you terminate the services of these local doctors, they will be in the streets after having served for 9 months. These doctors cannot take up to private practice. My submission to the Chief Minister is, as has been done in the previous cases *viz.*, the local candidates were confirmed after some time I presume that they were confirmed as they belonged to them. It is the duty of the society to protect them. They had made the bulk appointment of doctors for the first time, to fill the backlog, now they are denied of the opportunity to continue in Government service. My appeal to the Chief Minister is to regularise their services. In the Sixth Five Year Plan, Karnataka Government has made a provision for appointment of 17 lakhs of people. And that is the reason why

I would like to bring to your kind notice the employment scheme. I think it is the second State in whole of the country. It is not on the model of Maharashtra. In Maharashtra, to bring certain schemes like this, they have imposed certain taxes. In the Governor's address also he has mentioned about the local dispensaries and hospitals. It reads like this.

“We have also decided in principle to take over dispensaries run by the Taluk Development Boards and Municipalities, and as a first step in this direction, 56 dispensaries will be taken over before the 31st of March 1979”.

10-00 A. M.

Therefore, they have an ambitious plan for providing employment for the un-employed persons in the State. I only appeal to the Chief Minister not to deprive opportunities for SC doctors who are in service for the last 9 months. Now-a-days, what happens, everybody rush to the Press. It has become a habit. It is not good for doctors to rush to the Press first. They ought not have gone to the Press. So, on account of that please don't deny them the chance. They have even suffered in service. Representation for the SC in Medical department is inadequate. We produce more number of medical graduates. Kindly give us sufficient representation.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The hon. Member can make a speech on Governors Address. So, I would request him to confine his remarks to this subject only.

SRI C. M. ARMUGHAM.—Therefore, I request you to permit these doctors to continue in service. Even if you want to regularise them, they will appear before the Public Service Commission taking into account the 9 months service and they must be absorbed permanently in the Medical department.

† SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—Sir, I very much appreciate the anxiety with which the hon. Member has brought this subject before this House. I only like to assure him that the Government is as anxious as the hon. Member is regarding giving adequate representation to the SC/ST candidates, not only in Health department, but in other departments also. While making observations, he said that during the last 30 years, while making recruitments percentage as per Constitutional provisions has not been given to SC/ST members. This is a matter which has been discussed several times. He too knows why such things have happened. Firstly, there are many instances because SC candidates are not available, chances for them have not been given; but there are many more instances where in certain departments, people in authority manoeuvred

to prevent them from coming to join the employment. That is why after we took over, we have taken certain steps. I think hon. Member will appreciate how much Government is straining in every manner to see that SC/ST people are given adequate opportunities to come into the service. Even in other departments too we brought out a special G. O. to the effect that SC/ST people could be taken as local candidates whereas no other general candidates should be taken as local candidates. This is exclusively made for SC/ST candidates but not for other general categories. So far as local candidates are concerned the normal procedure is that they have to take a list from the employment exchange and appoint. But in the case of SC/ST we have overlooked that aspect also. We felt that some members may register their names and some may not. So, in the case of SC/ST local candidates, they can take even from outside after taking on application from them. But the present request of the hon. Member appears to be to regularise the local candidates. Even to regularise the local candidates there are certain norms to be followed. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court has given a decision. According to it we cannot regularise the local candidates like this. There was one case between Dr. Thimmiah and Shanthamallappa which went to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court gave a ruling that local candidates cannot be regularised. That is an important factor which the hon. Member should bear in mind. Even if I went to regularise them, I can't. There is some method or rule. Therefore, what we have done is that if the local candidates are allowed to continue for further period, then they start claiming permanency after 2-3 years. Then it becomes very difficult for us. Again we will be allowing irregularities to continue. By that time, as the hon. Member puts it, they will have married and some will have children also. Then it is still more difficult. Therefore, we have terminated their services towards the end of 9 months of their service. Again we have allowed them to apply and the last date fixed is 25th January 1979. All those who have been terminated will have to apply.

They have come to me. But they must be told about one thing very clearly, that every one of them will have to go before the PSC. The PSC have called for applications and have been requested to give nearly 500 candidates. Perhaps almost all of them will have a chance there, unless one is very bad. I am of opinion that all of them are likely to get a chance from the PSC to go back to the regular appointment. So, I am advising those doctors who have been appointed locally to apply immediately. To-day is the last date. I request Mr. Armugam to tell the candidates who have not applied so far, to hurry up and apply. You cannot think of the previous services,

They will be appointed afresh. Therefore, Sir, we are not letting them down. We are allowing them enough scope. I am saying every one of them perhaps has a chance to come through the P.S.C. because, if you even take this 18% reservation for SC/ST candidates, there will be as many vacancies as there are doctors who have come as local candidates. So, I think with this answer, the hon. Member Sri Armugham is satisfied.

SRI C. M. ARMUGHAM.—To-day happens to be the last day. Probably many candidates may not have applied. I request a few more days' time may be given.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—All right; we will give time till the end of this month.

SRI QAMARUL ISLAM.—Sir, on the 19th of this month I had given a Call Attention Notice regarding the disturbances that happened at Kolar. This is a matter of public importance.

MR. SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

Karnataka Command Areas Development Bill, 1979.

Introduction

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—Sir, I move

“That leave be granted to introduce the Karnataka Command Areas Development Bill 1979.”

MR. SPEAKER.—I will put it to the vote of the House. The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce the Karnataka Command Areas Development Bill, 1979.”

The Motion was adopted and leave was granted.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Sir, I also beg to move :

“That leave be granted to introduce the Karnataka Command Areas Development Bill, 1979.”

MR. SPEAKER.—Bill is introduced. * *

MOTION OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

(Debate Continued)

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** Bill appended as Annexure to this volume.